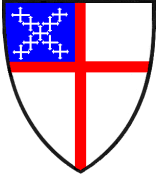


Glad Tidings

March 2021



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The Rev. Bill Fulton, Vicar
The Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon



Vicar's Voice

This morning when I was in a Zoom meeting with our Thursday Breakfast Group, I was told that the Safeway Pharmacies were scheduling vaccinations. I immediately went to their website and signed up for a vaccination next week. Then I told Katy and she signed up.

I know that many people are still waiting for their opportunity to get the vaccine, so I feel very fortunate to be able to get scheduled. I hope that everyone in our church – no, everyone in our County – no, make that everyone in the entire world – will be able to receive a vaccine soon.

As the number of vaccinations increase in our County, the number of cases of Covid-19 are decreasing. According to the Kitsap County Health Department website, the number has gone from a high of 263 to 74 currently and it's continuing to go down. When it goes below 25, I believe it will be safe to start worshipping in church again.

So there's hope! When we start up again, we'll still observe precautions, like wearing masks and keeping social distance, but at least we'll be together. We'll continue to livestream our services so that those who are unable to attend can watch online.

I wonder how this past year of Covid-19 isolation has been for your spiritual life. Have you found yourself questioning how God could let this happen? Have you turned to God more often for reassurance and guidance? Or has this been a time of spiritual slippage, without the regular routine of the Eucharist and being present with your church family?

I think for me it's been a mixed bag. I miss being together with my church family and the sense of God's presence in our midst. Without our usual Sunday worship, I feel sense of loss and a distance from God. But at the same time, I find myself turning to God in private perhaps more than before. I have more time alone and therefore more time to contemplate God. And my daily prayer life has carried me through this time.

I hope that you have discovered some way to connect with God in these months even without the usual Sunday Eucharist. And I hope that we will all find a true refreshing of the Spirit when we come together again.

Bill

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who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.
Gather, Grow, and Go!*

A note from your Bishop's Warden



Peter Stockwell is a life-long Episcopalian whose father was a priest for over forty years. Born and raised in Idaho, he has been a Washington resident since he was twelve, the last fifty years in Kitsap County. He attended St. Paul's in East Bremerton while his father was the rector. After his father retired, Peter served on the vestries under the next two priests. He sang in the choir and became a Eucharistic Minister. When he transferred to St. Antony's he joined the choir and continued his EM work. He has organized and led several Vacation Bible Schools. He served on the Bishop's Committee under Dick Scott and was the Bishop's Warden in his third year. He chaired the search committee for Dick's replacement after retirement that brought Bill Fulton from Oregon to our church. He was part of the Building Committee for the construction of the new facility overseeing the Transition.

When asked by Bill Fulton to be Bishop's Warden, he graciously accepted.

Bishop's Warden Report for the March Newsletter

The challenges St. Antony's faced as a congregation over the last year have caused reflection and prayer. The pandemic does not care about religion, race, wealth, poverty, gender, or any of the myriad other defining words we have about humanity. Yet, we carry on as best we can modifying our activities and actions to thwart the COVID 19 virus as much as we can. This year we will return to our usual way of life at St. Antony's understanding that some modifications will be part of the return to using the building. I accepted the position of Bishop's Warden knowing the difficulty we all face while we adjust and change what we are accustomed to doing. Our planned return to services and other rituals is ready for implementation when the Bishop gives the go ahead. Let us all be grateful for our commitment to St. Antony's and to each other. We will all be stronger and more faith-oriented as a result.

Thanks again for all you do for ST. A's
Peter

WARNING



As we enter Lent, we are often asked "What are you giving up for Lent?"

My plan is not to give anything up, but rather to take something on. As People's Warden, I plan to increase my reaching out to our St. Antony's parishioners. It is something I've wanted to do for quite a while now, to call people whose names are not necessarily a part of my telephone tree calling list.

Lent gives me a push to actually connect with those of you whom I no longer see (until we can return to our in-person worship services).

So, my warning is just that...be warned that you might soon receive a call from me to let you know that I'm thinking about you and care how you are doing.

On our way to Easter, may we remember not only what our Lord gave up (his life), but what He took on (responsibility for all of us and our sins).

Penny Whitney, People's Warden

Faith Formation



As some of you are already aware, I am Julie Sherwin. I have a husband, Jesse, and two daughters (one many of you met pre-covid and remember for her red hair). My girls are Jessica, 2 years old, and Marie, 10 month old.

I wear many hats in my life as I am a botanist, science teacher, mother, wife, veteran, and now BC member. Over the next few years it will be my pleasure to work with faith formation with a strong interest in strengthening our youth ministry. We have kiddos who will be progressing on to high levels of spiritual growth built upon our Godly play. I also want to find ways to create opportunities for working adults to have more access to spiritual growth opportunities.

Julie Sherwin
Faith Formation Commissioner



New Facilities

As we move forward toward reopening the church building and begin to gather in the near future it is time to re-energize our thoughts toward the next steps for our facilities. Prior to the virus random discussions took place regarding a Phase 2 and the barn. Please put on your thinking caps and gather your thoughts for St Antony's next steps. I hope to get your ideas and dreams correlated into a workable progress plan. That will provide the information necessary to move forward in the path the congregation sees as the best.

Everyone's ideas are welcomed. All input gratefully received.

John Stockwell
New Facilities Commission
(His contact information is in the directory)



Environment Parish Life

I'm Dave Peterson. I have been a member of St Antony's since we started and got to vote on a name (we were given a list of names that we could use). I have been active in the Episcopal Church wherever I have been Minnesota, Illinois, California, Hawaii, Guam, Idaho, and Washington. I was in the choir on and off since 1986.

I was elected to the Bishop's Committee last year, and served as commissioner for Environment, which is for buildings, grounds, maintenance of building and facilities. I would like to add a big thank you to Dave Sorrell for all the work he has done on taking care of the grounds here for several years.

This year I am also commissioner / chair for Environment for this year and co-chair with Chelsea Reeder for Parish Life for this year. Parish Life works on events that our Parish participates in summer picnic, get-togethers, events that we participate in. If anyone is interested in getting involved in things going on around the church, please contact me or some other Bishop's Committee member, and we will get you set up.

Thank you, Dave Peterson

A note from Esther Osborne



I was not raised in the church, although like most of my generation Christianity was assumed. For me, that was a rather tepid set of ideas that described my relationship to God. In college, I took on an energetic evangelical belief system based on having a dynamic, ecstatic experience of personal salvation. In spite of my hopes, the ecstatic moment never came for me, and I began instruction in the Episcopal Church only because I was about to marry a British scientist whom I met in graduate school. I fell in love with the Eucharist, and that love has lasted even though the marriage didn't. I was gifted with three wonderful sons, and was an active churchgoer. Because I am an eager learner, I completed many lay education courses, including EFM, education for ministry, and three years of training for the diaconate.

I met my present spouse in 1979, and we were active in parishes in Seattle, Portland, and Cordova Alaska. We worshipped at St. Mark's Cathedral for many years, and then Ascension in Magnolia. We moved to Northwest Bremerton in 2018.

I've been a lay reader, a Eucharistic Minister, and choir member, and look forward to singing at St. A's as soon as we are able to move back into our beautiful building!

Esther Osborne

Communications and Parish Life

Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards. Proverbs 12:14

I am a hard-working young woman who is ready to put in the time and work for our church and this community. As a member of the Bishops Committee, my role this year will be to lead the Communications and Parish Life committees. I plan to work with my fellow members of Saint Antony's to build sustainable relationships and do my part to keep us functioning as a smooth working machine. I am looking forward to the people who are ready to work with me to help to create a beautiful and inclusive community within our church family.

I am Chelsea Reeder, and I would like to introduce myself to those who may not know me. My family moved to the Kitsap Peninsula over 16 years ago. After graduating from Klahowya Secondary School in Silverdale, I explored colleges and lived in Ellensburg for about two years, moved back home and worked as a full-time nanny. I have been working in childcare since I was 12 years old. Of course, that was babysitting after school. I am now in my mid-20s, starting my own business, making handmade gifts and creating gift baskets to sell. For now, my products are available online. Once farmers markets and art bazaars open again, I hope to have a booth, selling my items in person.

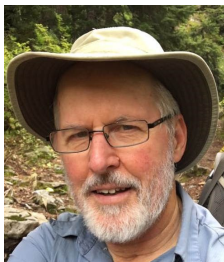
I will also note that we live in Seabeck and call our place Soaring Eagle Farm. We have five horses, two ponies, two llamas, seven chickens, two dogs and a cat. We also have a small vegetable garden. So, I am plenty busy at home between my business venture and farm chores. It's nice to have fresh vegetables during the growing season, and fresh eggs all year long (and plenty of extra for the neighbors, too)

The Communications Committee is looking for volunteers. I'd really appreciate your help, if some of you could work with me in this area that is important to Saint Antony's. I am looking to delegate more this year, so I do not get overwhelmed. I will continue to work with Father Bill, promoting Social Media such as Facebook and Instagram. Some of the other duties are marketing our events, both within our church family and to the wider community outside of our church. This will likely entail posters, flyers, brochures, newspaper articles, etc.

I am new to Parish Life and so is my committee partner, David Peterson. We both know the importance of this committee and are looking forward to developing an active Parish Life program. But we cannot do this alone. We would like to renew the warm sense of family and fellowship we've always known at Saint A's and to organize some fun and uplifting events once we are able to gather in person again.

I am grateful to be serving on the Bishops Committee another year. Thank you, Saint A's, for welcoming me back. I hope we, the BC, can encourage you to also step into a role where you are comfortable and so very much needed.

Chelsea Reeder,
Communication Commissioner



Thank you from the Vicar

I feel so fortunate to be the vicar of St. Antony's church family. Many people have mentioned how warm and welcoming St. Antony's is, and I feel the same way. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the generous cash gift I received after the annual meeting. Your friendship and support is my greatest delight; the gift is a much appreciated bonus.

Thank you,
Bill

Home Aid Bread

With the first day of spring arriving the 20th of this month it seems amazing how fast time has moved just since Christmas. Soon Palm Sunday will be here too and the grand celebration of Easter on the 4th of April.

At the river's edge here the bunches of tulips and daffodils are already up about three inches, and the magnolia tree is just budding her white trophy blooms to announce a warm springtime. Looking around this landscape I am reminded that at God's command all things came to be, and that from the primal elements He brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. He made us the rulers of creation.*

Even tho' we are each like a tiny dot on a vast canvas of the world we belong to Almighty God, and grow like the flowers and trees in season. So for the celebration of spring and the coming of Palm Sunday I touch that vast canvas of people and sprinkle over all of it with the paint of prayer- That God's holy and life-giving spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions are healed.

May God's spirit strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when imprisoned save them from despair, and to us His servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. *

* Book of Common Prayer pp 370

* pp 823

Tovi Andrews

A note from Dolores



My name is Dolores M. Perreira. My beloved parents were Alfredo Sr. and Claudia Manuel of Kahului, Hawaii. I am the youngest of eight children, born and raised on Maui, Hawaii. Happily married to Norman Perreira of 26 years, blessed with two sons, Kodi (25) and Kori (21) and I have two adorable cats, Kolohe and Zoe (both age 5).

I lived on Maui for forty plus years and after our sons graduated from High School we decided to relocate to Washington State. I am the Office Administrator and Area Training Coordinator for PSAV and working remotely for the Hawaii Region. I have been with PSAV over twelve years and also worked part time at Akaku Community Television as a Media Access Coordinator and Administrative Assistant for over eight years.

I was a member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wailuku, Hawaii since I was born. I have served as an acolyte from the age of 8 to 10 years old, participated in the church choir and a Filipino dancer for the Good Shepherd Filipino Dance Troupe. I was also a member of the Maui Filipino Community Council and volunteered as a Pageant Director for two years.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time in the outdoors with Norman or cuddling with the cats. Other hobbies include amateur photography, reading and dancing hula or Filipino dance. I am a hard-worker, a good team player, able to manage multiple tasks, organized and outgoing.

I will be volunteering on the Bishop's Committee to serve as the Clerk and will also work with them on the commissions. My vision is to provide support to Vicar Bill, the Bishop Committee and St. Antony Church as a whole. I look forward to this experience and hope to **Gather** more support, **Grow** stronger and **Go** further.

Dolores Perreira

Clerk of the Bishop's Committee

Outreach



One of my favorite hymns is The Servant Song, by Richard Gillard. You probably know the one:

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey
Fellow travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you.....

The lyrics always get to me. They touch my heart and soul while conveying a deep-seated certainty that we're all in this together. The indwelling Spirit calls us to not only care for ourselves, but to care for and support one another.

Dolores Perreira and I will share the role of BC Outreach Commissioner this year, and we look forward to serving the congregation in supporting ways St. Antony's can share resources with the greater community - to be the 'Christ-light' for people outside our church doors. I've previously served on the Bishop's Committee as Parish Life Commissioner, focussing efforts to support parishioners within our congregation. I look forward to learning and growing in this new role of support for the larger community. Heartfelt gratitude to Blaine Morgan for the excellent job he's done as BC Outreach Commissioner, and for sharing his experience as we begin this journey.

You are invited to an initial Outreach Zoom meeting on Tuesday, 9 March from 7 - 8 pm. Topics of discussion will include: the purpose of the St. A's Outreach Program, review budget/ processes, organizations we have previously supported, and brainstorm programs to consider support for in the coming year. Please consider attending if you have an interest in our community outreach efforts. Dolores Perreira and I look forward to serving as your BC Outreach Commissioners.

Blessings,
Loretta McGinley

Charles Mission News

February 2, 2021

Looking back, looking forward

I received a question asking that started me looking back over the past year. Naturally I want to look forward to the coming year. The question was, 'I know Christmas can be experienced spiritually, but I wonder how it feels for you this year when you are abroad in a different culture.'

Yes, Christmas does feel different, even more than when I was in Peace Corps. The social aspect is very different; Christmas begins on Christmas Day, not somewhere in early December. Also gift exchange is mostly parents giving kids clothes and ex-pats observing their traditions. I noticed the warm weather more than I did in the Peace Corps.

This year I expect more activity in December if we can get away from Covid-19.



Charles with the Ray family Christmas tree. We celebrated Christmas together.

Prison Ministry

Twenty twenty was a season of transition for the prison ministry in Koboko. When I arrived in February (2020), three of the people who were eager to begin a prison ministry were still involved. Today, not counting myself, there are 16 and I can expect up to half to show up any given week. Sure, as with any group, there are some who initially were interested and then dropped away. I do not want to take anyone off the list until the Covid-19 lockdown of the prison is lifted and I see if they come back.

Since the lockdown prevents us from entering the prison and knowing that the prison rules are more like what Paul experienced in the bible than what I knew in the US, we took food as a gift to the prison. The gift was a bar of soap for each staff member (receiving bath soap was appreciated because they usually have to make do with laundry soap). The food (rice, onions, cooking oil, small dried fish) allowed the prisoners to have a change from their cassava-based diet. Even though we could not enter, the food did along with the news of who (the prison ministry team) brought it.

The team looks to sharing the word inside the prison in 2021. We also plan to minister at the hospital once a month until we can enter the prison. We will continue to meet together and study the gospel in preparation for ministry.

The H4RI (Hope for Restoration Initiative) CEO told me they have a prison ministry in Entebbe. He asked for a copy of our study notes in the gospel of Mark. I plan to meet with the H4RI prison ministry team at the end of Feb. and exchange notes with them.

Computer Skills Ministry

The computer skills ministry is going strong. The first two students in Mugujai are completing the final practice now. The next two are getting close. We are talking about a public graduation so we can promote the ministry as a source of hope for those struggling to make a living. It is also an opportunity to talk about our other ministries (prison, discipleship, hospital, children.)

The class in Ombaci is progressing at a slower pace. Looking forward, both classes have students eager to share the skills with others and help those around them lift themselves to a more hopeful future (can consider office work, not just hand tilling [digging] someone's field).

Thanksgivings:

Each of you.

The opportunity to serve as a missionary.

The growth of the ministries in just one year.

Prayer Requests

To be able to resume 'in the prison' ministry.

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March Birthdays

2	<i>William Rivers</i>
4	<i>David Wilkinson</i>
5	<i>Bob Richardson</i>
	<i>Mercy Zagrocki</i>
7	<i>Moonyeen Marks</i>
12	<i>Maggie Scott</i>
15	<i>Julie Sherwin</i>
16	<i>Carleton McKenney</i>
	<i>Elizabeth Moorhead</i>
	<i>Shaun George</i>
19	<i>Kristen Robuck</i>
24	<i>Ann Daniels</i>
26	<i>Charles Smith</i>
	<i>Mark Westin</i>
27	<i>Kathryn Polignoni</i>
28	<i>Elizabeth Haney</i>
30	<i>Bryan George</i>
	<i>Robert George</i>



March Anniversaries

2	<i>Jim & Eva Smith</i>
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Deadline for the April Glad Tidings is
Tuesday, March 23rd at 10 am.
 Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report December			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$17,240.03	\$226,320.48	Local Checking	\$59,570.44
Operating Expenses	\$21,336.14	\$234,961.60	Local Savings	\$17,159.77
Net in December	(\$4,096.11)	(\$8,641.12)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$203,365.60
			Total	\$280,095.81

March 2021 Schedule

JOB	March 7 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 14 4th Sunday In Lent	March 21 5th Sunday in Lent	March 28 Palm Sunday
EM 8 am				
LC/OT & NT 8 am				
GREETER 8 am				
EM 10 am	Cris McCarty	Peter Stockwell	Ruth Lindstrum	Cris McCarty
LC/OT 10 am				
LC/NT 10 am				
ACOLYTES 10 am				
GREETER 10 am				
USHER 10 am				
COUNTERS				
COFFEE HOUR				
Eucharistic Visitors				
BPod				
1st LESSON	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9a
PSALM	Psalm 19	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalm 51:1-13	Psalm 31:9-16
2nd LESSON	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2:5-11
GOSPEL	John 2:13-22	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	John 12:20-33	Mark 15:1-47

Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.
(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
8 am	8 am	8 am	Bill Cleveland A	Chris Crowson	Carleton M.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Chris Crowson B	Ray Flagg	Cris McCarty
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Dave & Jan Peterson	Christina M.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Pam Morton	Maggie Scott B	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Chelsea R.
John Teller	Bill Reeder	John & Jane Teller	Norma Tipton B	Mark Westin	Laurel R.
Norma Tipton	John Teller		David Wedeven B	Barb Hart - Substitute	Mackenzie W.
Mardi Dawson (sub)			Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A		Benjamin W.
			Marj Zantek B		Christina W.
10 am	10 am	10 am			Jason W.
Elizabeth Flagg	Lee Halkias	Tovi Andrews			
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock	A - computer		
Cris McCarty	Chelsea Reeder	Elizabeth Flagg	B - non computer		
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Liz Haney			
Stu Smith		Carole Nau			
Michael Wentworth		Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)			

March 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream 7pm Sacred Ground Program	4 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	5 Vicar's Day Off	6
7 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	8	9	10 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream 7pm Sacred Ground Program	11 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	12 Vicar's Day Off	13 Set clocks Forward
14 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	15 10:30 am Witty Knitters	16 1 pm Worship Planning Mtg.	17 St. Patrick's Day 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream 7pm Sacred Ground Program	18 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	19 Vicar's Day Off	20
21 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	22	23 10 am Newsletter Deadline	24 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream 7pm Sacred Ground Program	25 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	26 Vicar's Day Off	27
28 Palm Sunday 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	29	30	31	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil ?
Easter Sunday						

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